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Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Board of Nursing, Department of Health Professions
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	18VAC90-20-10 et seq.
Regulation title	Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing
Action title	Requirement for nursing programs to include child abuse education
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Summary

Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

Regulations of the Board of Nursing must to be amended for consistency with changes to the Code of Virginia. In Chapter 528 of the 2006 Acts of the Assembly, the Nurse Practice Act was amended by the addition of:

§ 54.1-3013.1. Nursing education programs to include child abuse recognition and intervention.

In the exercise of its authority to establish minimum standards for professional nursing curricula and practical nursing curricula, the Board of Nursing, on and after July 1, 2007, shall require that approved nursing education programs provide instruction in child abuse recognition and intervention.

Accordingly, Chapter 20 of the Board's regulations has been amended for conformity with the change in the Code under an exemption in § 2.2-4006 A 4, which grants an exemption if the action

is: “Necessary to conform to changes in Virginia statutory law or the appropriation act where no agency discretion is involved.”

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On May 16, 2006, the Board of Nursing amended 18VAC90-20-10 et seq., Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing to require child abuse recognition and prevention education in the curriculum for all approved nursing education programs on and after July 1, 2007.

Family impact

Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.

The inclusion of child abuse recognition and prevention in the curriculum of nursing education programs may provide licensed nurses with the information and tools necessary to help families in distress.